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## **CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE FORMS STILL BEING ACCEPTED**

**Farmers still have time to be counted and make a difference**

[Dover, DE] – The original deadline for returning completed Census of Agriculture forms may have come and gone, but it's not too late for Delaware farmers to speak up for their communities, their industry and their future. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) reminds farmers that their voices are very important and need to be heard. As a result, Census responses are still being accepted. On February 13, a second request mailing was sent to all agricultural producers who had not yet returned their Census of Agriculture report form.

"A strong agriculture is critical to a strong Delaware economy," says Michael Scuse, Delaware Secretary of Agriculture. "By providing community and state leaders, the State Legislature, agricultural commodity and farm organizations and many others with a comprehensive and accurate accounting of agriculture in Delaware, producers are taking advantage of the opportunity to report to the non-farm population the scope and importance of agriculture in Delaware. Many decisions will be made in the coming years based on the Ag Census totals which will affect Delaware's agricultural community. By reporting on the Ag Census, producers will be ensuring those decisions are based on complete and accurate information".

The Census offers a tremendous value to everyone involved in agriculture, and the time it takes to complete the Census form pales in comparison to the value they get in return.

Census responses are required and protected by law. This law safeguards the privacy of individual responses. They are used 100% ONLY for Census tabulations. For answers to questions about the Census, call toll-free (800)-282-8685. The Census of Agriculture is your voice, your future, and your responsibility.

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